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**Level 4 – 23rd March, 2021**

## **Scientists say cure for baldness could be close**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210323-baldness-cure-4.html>

Scientists have worked on a cure for baldness for decades. Help may be near for bald or balding people. Japanese scientists have found stem cells that aid hair regeneration. This is welcome news for millions who suffer from baldness. The scientists are now doing laboratory tests. They hope to adapt the stem cells and make a hair loss therapy. Baldness mainly affects men. By the age of 35, around two-thirds of men will experience hair loss.

The scientists took fur cells from mice and cultured them in the lab. They used 220 combinations of chemicals to make the hair regrow naturally. The lead scientist said there is a cyclical regeneration of hair follicles from stem cells. He hopes to make "hair follicle regeneration therapy a reality in the near future". He added: "Losing hair is not life-threatening, but it adversely affects the quality of life."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2021/02/14/national/hair-loss-researchers/>  
<https://bgr.com/2021/02/13/baldness-cure-stem-cell-hair-growth-riken-study/>  
<https://interestingengineering.com/a-cure-for-baldness-may-lie-in-engineering-stem-cells-that-regenerate>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. worked on a cure for baldness     | a. hair loss      |
| 2. bald or                           | b. tests          |
| 3. millions who suffer               | c. the stem cells |
| 4. laboratory                        | d. affects men    |
| 5. They hope to adapt                | e. for decades    |
| 6. a hair loss                       | f. from baldness  |
| 7. Baldness mainly                   | g. therapy        |
| 8. two-thirds of men will experience | h. balding people |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. fur cells                  | a. of chemicals        |
| 2. cultured them              | b. threatening         |
| 3. 220 combinations           | c. hair follicles      |
| 4. make the hair regrow       | d. the quality of life |
| 5. a cyclical regeneration of | e. in the lab          |
| 6. in the near                | f. from mice           |
| 7. Losing hair is not life-   | g. future              |
| 8. adversely affects          | h. naturally           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210323-baldness-cure-4.html>

Scientists have worked on (1) \_\_\_\_\_ baldness for decades. Help may be (2) \_\_\_\_\_ or balding people.

Japanese scientists have found stem cells (3) \_\_\_\_\_ regeneration. This is welcome news for millions (4) \_\_\_\_\_ baldness. The scientists are now doing laboratory tests. They hope to adapt the stem cells and make a (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Baldness mainly affects men. By the age of 35, around two-thirds of men will (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The scientists took (7) \_\_\_\_\_ mice and cultured them in the lab. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ combinations of chemicals to make the (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The lead scientist said there (10) \_\_\_\_\_ regeneration of hair follicles from stem cells.

He hopes to make "hair follicle regeneration (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in the near future". He added: "Losing hair is not life-threatening, but it (12) \_\_\_\_\_ quality of life."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# BALDNESS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210323-baldness-cure-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about baldness in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

